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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN FIREARMS

REF: STATE 107008

1. EMBASSY, IN PRINCIPLE, HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROPOSED CONTACT BETWEEN SPECIAL AGENTS AND COMANDANTE OF FIFTH INFANTRY BATTALION IN TIJUANA. HAVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH CONTACT BEEN MADE ALREADY, E.G. THROUGH CONSULATE GENERAL TIJUANA OR MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA? IF NOT, AGENTS MIGHT WELL EXPERIENCE DELAY WHILE LOCAL MILITARY CLEAR CONTACT/VISIT WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MEXICO CITY. IF ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THEY BE MADE BY DEFENSE ATTACHE HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. FYI: GOM, PARTICULARLY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HAS IN PAST BEEN MUCH INTERESTED IN USG COOPERATION IN STOPPING FLOW OF ILLEGAL ARMS INTO MEXICO. WE ANTICIPATE THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING DESPITE SOME DEGREE OF UNREST AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITY IN MEXICO AT THIS TIME.
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